



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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LEONARD et al.) Group Art Unit: 1645
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Application No.: 10/659,586) Examiner: N.M. Minnifield
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Filed: September 11, 2003) Confirmation No.: 4504
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For: USE OF IL-12 AND IL-12)
ANTAGONISTS IN THE)
TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE)
DISEASES)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is filed with a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time and is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 5.

A Terminal Disclaimer is attached to this reply.